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1. [redacted] and [redacted] were up to brief me on the support implications of the Office of Communications in the new plans for WH [redacted]. While WH [redacted] is prepared to transfer funds to the Office of Communications to pay for the personnel who would be working on their project they have not included ceiling positions. [redacted] estimated that fifty-three ceiling positions would be required. In addition, he anticipated a request from Staff D for close COMINT support to the project which would require thirty-nine positions. I asked [redacted] to draft a brief memorandum to the Deputy Director (Plans) pointing out to him that we would recommend the personnel ceiling of the Office of Communications to be whatever strength ^{was} necessary so long as they furnished the funds and that in considering the total cost of the project these positions in his personnel ceiling be included. (On 28 July Dick Bissell telephoned and was somewhat puzzled about this memorandum. I explained to him that I was not asking for ceiling positions from him and that I would ~~prefer~~ ^{propose} to increase the ceiling of the Office of Communications by this amount. I also explained that I wanted to make sure he understood when we were talking about the total WH [redacted] effort that it would include all the positions whether in DD/P, the Office of Communications, or elsewhere if they were in full time support of this project. He indicated that he understood.)

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2. [redacted] telephoned to tell me that he had seen a cable which indicated that the Voice of America was urgently looking for a piece of real estate in the Far East in which to carry on short-wave broadcasts. It occurred to him that our [redacted] might meet its needs. I agreed that we probably should plant this seed but told him that he should get his paper up to the Director recommending again that we close out [redacted]. If we are not going to close it out then there would be no point in trying to arouse the interest of VOA.

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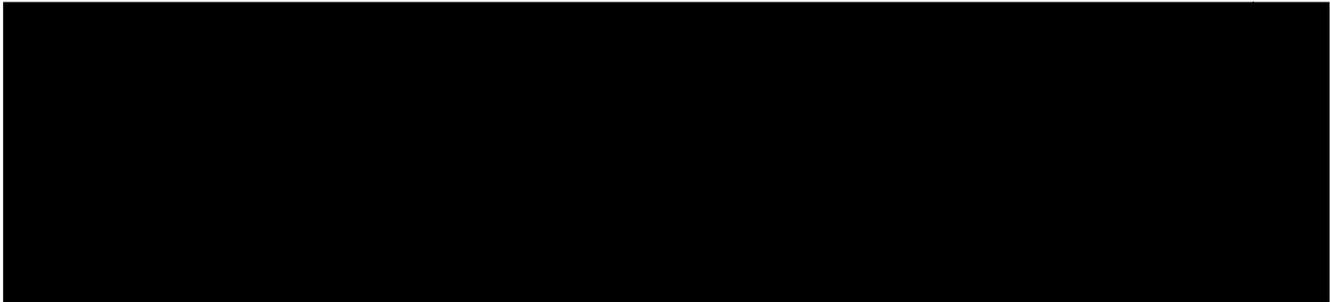
3. Dick Bissell telephoned with regard to the paper from the IO Division requesting the Director's approval for the budgeting of an additional \$1 million for the [redacted]. After some discussion Dick said that he was inclined to agree with my position and that he would return the paper to [redacted] expressing his nonconcurrency. (On 28 July Dick telephoned to say that he was preparing a new paper for the Director which would recommend that the Deputy Director (Plans) absorb [redacted])

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25X1A 4. [redacted] from the Office of Training (who is going to the Army War College) was in to visit with me for a few minutes. He appeared to be a very able fellow and I anticipate that he will represent us well.

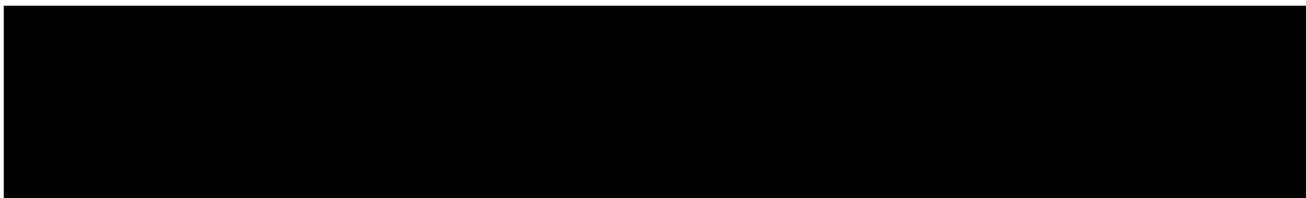
25X1A 5. [redacted] telephoned to suggest that [redacted] be a candidate for the Bailey Course this fall. I told him that I thought Joe probably would be one of our strong candidates. 25X1A

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25X1A 7. [redacted] was up to fill me in again on Project [redacted]. After working for months with the WE Division and finally reaching an agreement that the Director should insist that Project [redacted] be audited without restriction, yesterday Les found himself in a conference with the IO Division in what he regards as a foot-dragging exercise. [redacted] presided and wanted to start all over again in his approach to the Principal Agency. In response to Les's position that he would have to be told by the Director if he were not going to audit this without restriction, [redacted] told him that the Director might give that answer to the ex-Chief of the Audit Staff. While this may have been said in gest it nevertheless was in very poor taste. I have asked Les to draft a memorandum for my signature to the Director reporting that this Project has not been audited and asking for his decision whether he wants to exempt it.

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25X1A 9. I talked with Both Jim Cunningham and Emmett Echols two or three times about the placement of [redacted] and Emmett has agreed to put him in the Development Complement and arrange a reorientation program for him so that he will be in a position to compete with his contemporaries in the Office of Personnel. In my conversation with Jim Cunningham I told him rather emphatically that while I was in complete sympathy with [redacted]'s predicament I thought he was really to blame for the whole business and that this was a very clear example of what happens and what will continue to happen when DPD bucks the Career Service System.

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25X1A9a 10. I met with Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] to discuss the preparation of our reply to McGeorge Bundy's letter asking for our comments on the recommendation from the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board that a feasibility study be made to determine whether the Clandestine Services, or at least a part of them, should not be moved into the new building. (On Thursday, 27 July, at the Deputies' Meeting, I discussed my approach to this problem and found no nonconcurrences, although the side of the table at which the Deputy Director (Plans) was seated was noticeably silent. The Director said that the recommendation was "crazy" and asked me to go ahead and prepare the comments along the lines which I had in mind.) H

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